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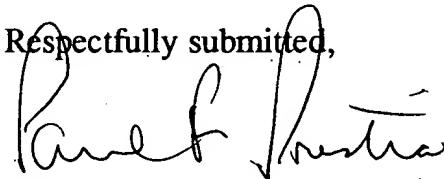
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In the Communication of August 27, 1997, the Examiner indicated that all claims in the above-identified application are allowable, however, that prosecution would be suspended for 6 months due to a potential interference.

The suspension period expired on February 27, 1998. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Patent Office to notify Applicants' attorney of the current status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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